

My name is Jennifer Kane and I live at New Horizons Village in Unionville. I have been disabled since being in a bad accident, and although I can stand a little, I need to use a wheelchair for everyday activities. I am testifying in favor of HB 5277.

I believe that all medical facilities should have accessible Hoyer Lifts to help people with disabilities to sit on exam and medical imaging tables. If the exam table could move up and down, that would be even better because I would be able to transfer myself. It's too dangerous to try to access the exam table by using a step stool--too dangerous for the doctor and myself.

All medical offices should have an accessible scale for wheelchairs. I can use a scale designed for able bodied people, but I need to hold on to something to keep my balance and this takes away from the accuracy. The ideal would be a big room with an accessible scale and a Hoyer lift so that I could be weighed in my wheelchair and then use the lift to get me out of the wheelchair so that it could be weighed independently and subtracted from the overall reading.

This is my testimony, and I hope that you will support HB 5277.